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1. SYG TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR SCALI AT 3 P.M. TO SAY HE HAD HAD ANOTHER VISIT FROM SYRIAN DEPUTY FONMIN AT 12:45 P.M. HE SAID TO SYG HE IN FOLLOW-UP TO HIS OCTOBER 14 CALL, HAD CONFIRMATION FROM HIS GOVERNMENT THAT SYRIAN FORCES HAD NOW SHOT DOWN TWO PHANTOM AIRCRAFT WITHOUT INSIGNIA OR EMBLEMS, BOTH BEING FLOWN BY AMERICAN PILOTS. HE FURTHER MENTIONED SYRIAN GOVERNMENT REPORTS OF FIFTY PHANTOMS TRANSFERRED FROM U.S. INVENTORIES IN GERMANY (HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THESE AIRCRAFT WERE ALREADY IN THE FIGHT OR NOT), TOGETHER WITH 150 AMERICANS ARRIVING IN ISRAEL FROM GERMANY TO SERVE AS PILOTS AND TECHNICIANS. ACCORDING TO SYG, SYRIAN DID NOT ALLEGE USAF PARTICIPATING BUT DESCRIBED THEM AS VOLUNTEER PILOTS OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP, AMERICAN MERCENARIES FLYING PHANTOMS NOT MARKED AS OF ISRAELI AIR FORCE.

2. SCALI EMPHASIZED EARLIER OFFICAL USG DENIALS OF PARTICIPATION IN MIDDLE EAST WAR BY AMERICAN PLANS OR PILOTS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED POSSIBILITY OF VOLUNTEERS, BUT STRESSED TO SYG THAT USG WAS NOT ONLY NOT ENCOURAGEING U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

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CITIZENS TO VOLUNTEER BUT WAS ACTIVELY DISCOURAGING SUCH VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES. SCALI EMPHASIZED HE KNEW OF NO US VOLUNTEERS CURRENTLY ACTIVE ON EITHER WAR FRONT. SCALI WENT ON TO EXPLAIN NOON ANNOUNCEMENT RE US ACTION

IN SUPPLYING MATERIAL TO ISRAEL TO OFFSET MASSIVE SOVIET AIRLIFT.

3. SYG ACKNOWLEDGED POINTS MADE BY SCALI AND SAID HE HAD CALLED IN ORDER TO LET US KNOW WHAT THE ARABS WERE SAYING. IN CONTRAST TO LOW-KEY APPROACH OF SYRIAN DEPUTY FONMIN IN REPORTING OCTOBER 14 CALL ON SYG, SYRIAN WAS IN EXCITED MOOD TODAY.

4. SYG SAID HE HAD ASKED SYRIAN VIEWS RE ANOTHER SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. ISMAIL HAD RESPONDED SYRIA NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT CEASE FIRE WITHOUT A FIRM COMMITMENT FROM ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW TO PRE--67 BOUNDARIES. THIS WAS SAME POSITION EL-ZAYYAT HAD TAKEN WITH SYG LAST FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12. SYRIAN DEPUTY FONMIN HAD SAID ARABS WERE UNITED THIS TIME AND THIS WAS WAR OF ALL ARABS AGAINST ISRAEL. FEROCIOUS FIGHTING WAS GOING ON WITH ISRAELIS GAINING HERE AND THERE AND SYRIANS ALSO GAINING HERE AND THERE. US MASS MEDIA, SAID ISMAIL, IS QUITE INCORRECT IN ITS REPORTING OF ISRAELI SUCCESSES IN SYRIA. HE DELCARED DAMASCUS WOULD FALL ONLY WHEN THE LAST SYRIAN WAS DEAD. NO STAND-STILL CEASE FIRE WOULD BE ACCEPTED. SYG DESCRIBED SYRIAN AS VERY REPEAT VERY FIRM IN HIS MANNER, THE SAME AS EL-ZAYYAT LAST FIRDAY.

5. SYG SAID HE WAS DEEPLY WORRIED. AT THIS STAGE HE CAN ONLY FORESEE A LONG WAR AND THE RECOGNIZES THERE CAN BE NO SECURITY COUNCIL DECISION WITHOUT FURTHER FIGHTING. THE RISK OF GREAT POWER INVOLVEMENT GROWS ALL THE TIME. SCALI SAID WE SHARED SYG'S CONCERN, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT USG COULD NOT STAND IDLY BY WHILE SOVIETS CONTINUE TO POUR IN MATERIAL TO ARABS. SYG AND SCALI AGREED TO KEEP IN TOUCH. SCALI

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